

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A liquid coating composition comprising ~~consisting essentially of~~:

 i) diphenylmethane diisocyanate; and
 ii) a hydroxyl functional ~~compound which is a polyester~~ having secondary hydroxyl groups, the secondary hydroxyl groups being the product of a reaction between a carboxylic acid group and an epoxide group comprising a glycidyl ester of a C₁₁-C₂₀ alkanolic acid,

wherein the composition comprises ~~contains no other hydroxyl functional compounds and no reactive diluent having amine groups or blocked amine groups~~ which are aldimines, ketimines, or aspartic esters.

2. (previously presented) A liquid composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the ratio of the isocyanate groups on the diphenylmethane diisocyanate to the total number of hydroxyl groups on the hydroxyl functional compound is 0.7:1 to 3:1.

Claim 3 (canceled).

4. (previously presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the hydroxyl functional compound is the reaction product of a polyfunctional carboxylic acid and a monoepoxide.

Claim 5 (canceled).

6. (previously presented) A composition as claimed in claim 4 in which the polyfunctional carboxylic acid is a polyester with two or more carboxylic acid groups.

7. (previously presented) A composition as claimed in claim 4 in which the polyfunctional carboxylic acid is the reaction product of a polyol and an anhydride.

8. (original) A composition as claimed in claim 7 in which the polyol has from 2 to 4 hydroxyl groups.

9. (previously presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1 further comprising at least one pigment.

Claim 10 (canceled).

11. (currently amended) A process for coating a substrate which comprises the steps of: (a) applying a layer of the a liquid coating composition of claim 1 to the substrate consisting essentially of:

~~_____ i) _____ diphenylmethane diisocyanate, and~~

~~_____ ii) _____ a hydroxyl functional compound which is a polyester having secondary hydroxyl groups, the secondary hydroxyl groups being the product of a reaction between a carboxylic acid group and an epoxide group comprising a glycidyl ester of a C₁₁-C₂₀ alkanolic acid, the composition contains no reactive diluent which are aldimines, ketimines, or aspartic esters to a surface of the substrate; and~~

(b) thereafter curing the layer of coating composition.

12. (new) The liquid coating composition of claim 1, wherein the composition is formulated as a two-pack composition.

13. (new) A liquid coating composition comprising:

i) diphenylmethane diisocyanate; and

ii) a hydroxyl functional polyester having secondary hydroxyl groups, the secondary hydroxyl groups being the product of a reaction between a carboxylic acid group and an epoxide group comprising a glycidyl ester of a C₁₁-C₂₀ alkanolic acid,

wherein the composition comprises no other hydroxyl functional compounds and wherein the composition is formulated as a two-pack composition.